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FROM AMBASSADOR PARKER

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SUBJECT: USG CLAIMS AGAINST ALGERIA: MUSTAFA RAIS

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1. IN MEETING WITH DIRECTOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (ABERKANE) AT FOREIGN MINISTRY SEPT. 1, I RAISED AGAIN QUESTION OF MUSTAFA RAIS COMPENSATION, REVIEWING FOR HIM THE HISTORY OF MY CONVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT SINCE THE RESTORATION OF RELATIONS. I NOTED THAT WE HAD NEVER RECEIVED REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF MARCH 19, 1975 PROPOSING E CHANGE FOR OUED AL-KILAI PROPERTY BUT THAT I HAD BEEN TOLD BY GERMAN AMBASSADOR HE UNDERSTOOD FROM CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WE WERE TO BE OFFERED LAND IN DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE INSTEAD. I HAD WAITED TO BE TOLD THIS BY ALGERIANS AND, FINALLY GETTING TIRED OF WAITING, HAD RAISED MATTER AGAIN WITH CHEIF OF PROTOCOL, WHO TOLD ME UNOFFICIALLY THAT WE WOULD NOT BE GETTING COMPENSATION AT ALL. I HAD SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD HIM, ABERKANE, THAT I HOPED ALGERIANS WOULD NOT GIVE US A REPLY IN THAT SENSE SINCE IT WOULD HAVE A MOST UNFORTUNATE IMPACT. IN THE EVENT, THERE HAD BEEN NO REPLY, NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE. TIME WAS PASSING, BUT PROBLEM REMAINED. I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A TRADE FOR PROPERTY IN THE ENCLAVE, BUT NEEDED HIS ADVICE ON HOW TO ARRANGE THIS.

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2. ABERKANE SAID PROBLEM WAS THAT NO ONE IN THE
MINISTRY WAS AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH ENCLAVE. SECRETARY
GENERAL OF MINISTRY HAD WANTED TO SET UP SPECIAL OFFICE
TO DEAL WITH IT, BUT THIS HAD FALLEN THROUGH. HE SUGGESTED
I TAKE IT UP AGAIN WITH PROTOCOL AND SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT
HE COULD FIND OUT IN MEANTIME.

3. WILL ENDEAVOR SEE CHEIF OF PROTOCOL AFTER MY RETURN FROM
MADRID NEXT WEEK. WILL ADVISE. LYNE

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